

Council on Postsecondary Education
Committee on Equal Opportunities
February 17, 2003

African American High School Principals and Superintendents in the Commonwealth

At its October 21, 2002, meeting, the Committee on Equal Opportunities requested that Dr. Lucian Yates, Director of Education, Recruitment, and Retention at the Kentucky Department of Education, attend the February 17, 2003, CEO meeting to discuss programs that are being implemented to increase the number of African Americans credentialed to become high school principals and superintendents in the Commonwealth. Dr. Yates was also requested to discuss the creation of programs, their location and how they are awarded, the level of participation by African Americans, success rates, accountability measures, and employment success of program graduates.

Council staff also requested that the following information be included as part of the meeting agenda:

- The number of African Americans that registered and passed the principalship exam in FY 2002.
- The pass rate of African Americans completing the principalship exam FY 2000, FY 2001, and FY 2002.
- The percentage of African Americans placed in principalships after passing the exam.
- The number of African Americans that applied for principal and superintendent positions in Kentucky in 2001-02, and the number of principals and superintendents hired in the Commonwealth in 2001-02 (both African American and white).

Dr. Lucian Yates will present this information at the meeting as well as answer questions the CEO may have.

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